CIA COMMITMENTS BEYOND IMPLEMENTATION OF H.R. 5164

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"HPSCI"

Commitment

DDCI McMahon: "Indeed, if this Bill is enacted, I assure you that every effort will be made to pare down the queue as quickly as possible."

DCI Casey: "If Congress is willing to provide the resources, I am prepared to institute a new program of selective declassification review of those materials that we believe would be of greatest historical interest and most likely to result in declassification of useful information."

DCI Casey: "... upon enactment of H.R. 5164, the Agency will establish a specific program designed to substantially reduce, if not entirely eliminate, the current two-to-three year backlog of Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests."

DCI Casey: "... we committed ourselves to the goal of responding to new FOIA requests in a matter of weeks, or at the most months, depending on the complexity of the request. As we have previously made clear, given our compartmented system of records, we have rarely been able to give a FOIA requester a final response within the statutory 10-day time limit. However, the Agency will make continuing efforts to reduce our response time to the minimum amount necessary consistent with the needs of national security."

Citation

SSCI hearings, p.8 HPSCI hearings, p. 14

SSCI hearings, p. 121

HPSCI report, p.12-13 GOVOPS report, p.7

HPSCI report, p.13

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DCI Casey: "... the Agency will maintain the current budgetary and personnel allocation for FOIA processing activities for a period of two years following enactment of this legislation."

HPSCI report, p. 13 GOVOPS hearing, p. 34

Mr. Kleczka: "Since this bill is so heavily based on the current CIA filing system, I would like you to agree to report in advance any major structural changes at the CIA that would affect the agreements embodied in H.R. 5164."

GOVOPS hearing, p. 34

Mr. Briggs: "Mr. Chairman, we can agree to that."

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Per our conversation the other day.